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of the Prodigal Son) is given to those who have already responded to his preaching. The main point is not that God is *our* Father—this is *assumed* by Jesus—but that he is *his* Father and that through Christ the believers lay hold of the redeeming love of God. The burden of apostolic preaching was not the Fatherhood of God, but Christ crucified, in whom the converts received the spirit of adoption. Mr. Selwyn's book is based on the latest results of scholarship, which are not, however, admitted indiscriminately by the writer. It deserves to be heartily commended.

Der erste und zweite Petrusbrief und der Judasbrief. By G. Wohlenberg. Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1915. Pp. lv+334. M. 9.50.

This is a typical volume in Zahn's comprehensive "Kommentar zum Neuen Testament." For the most part traditional views are defended in the Introduction. The Petrine Epistles are both assigned to the apostle, but the difference in the literary style of the two letters is accounted for on the supposition that Silvanus took considerable liberty with Peter's dictation in the case of I Peter. The place of writing was Rome and the year was 64. II Peter was written from Antioch the previous year, being originally composed in Hebrew and addressed to Christians in Galilee. This Hebrew original was used by Jude, who addressed the same circle of readers a half dozen or so years later. In the commentary proper problems of interpretation are discussed exhaustively, but in the selection of topics doctrinal and homiletical interests predominate. For those who use this type of commentary the present volume is one of the best of its kind.

The very thoughtful address by President Charles Sumner Nash, of Pacific Theological Seminary, entitled *Our Widening Thought of God* (San Francisco: Elder, 1914, \$0.25), has been published in an attractive form. It was originally given as an address and sets forth in an interesting and effective way the effect which modern thinking is having upon our idea of God. Every thoughtful reader will find this little volume very helpful.

The first number of *Le Muséon* as issued by the Cambridge University Press has just arrived. It is characteristic of this Belgian journal from the English University's press that of the eleven articles it contains seven are by members of the faculties of English universities, the majority of them naturally being from Cambridge. This journal was founded in 1881 at the University of Louvain and it is a splendid evidence of community of scholarship to find an English institution making it possible for this journal to

continue its career uninterrupted. The articles in this issue cover a wide range of territory dealing with Buddhism, the Persian religion, the Old Testament, Arabic, Mohammedanism, Greek, and Ethiopic. The journal is in its new form as in its old of great value to Orientalists. It may be secured in this country from the University of Chicago Press.

The Missionary Education Movement and the Laymen's Education Movement publish jointly a small treatise by Shailer Mathews under the title *The Individual and the Social Gospel* (New York, \$0.25). Chapter headings are: "Saving the Individual," "Christianizing the Home," "Christianizing Education," "Christianizing the Social Order." The book is intended not only for private reading but for study classes on the programs of religious institutions.

In a Preacher's Study, by Professor George Jackson (Hodder & Stoughton), is a collection of essays bearing on the reformation doctrine of the Bible, the problem of demoniacal possession, the missionary idea in the Gospels, the ethical background of St. Paul, Christian agnosticism, and a study of Dean Church and one of Lord Morley. The essays are clearly written and stimulating; the attitude of the author is thoroughly modern and fair. (Pp. 250. \$1.25.)

The Property Concepts of the Early Hebrews (pp. 98) by M. J. Lauré is a study in economics published by the University of Iowa. The thesis of the writer is that in Semitic society the right of property is derived from taboo. The thesis is right but is not sufficiently studied in the light of comparative semitic religion and culture. There are a few misprints (p. 10, *read* herem; p. 23, *read* bayith; p. 33, *read* shipchah; p. 69, a French quotation of nine words, three mistakes). On the whole Mr. Lauré's work does not contribute much to our knowledge of Hebrew life before the Exile.

The American Sunday School Union issues a Devotional Commentary, *Through the Bible Day by Day*, by Rev. V. B. Meyer. The first volume takes up the Old Testament history from Genesis to Joshua.

The Retired Minister, by Joseph B. Hingeley (The Abingdon Press, pp. 592, \$1.00), is a collection of short papers dealing on the subject of the claims of the superannuated ministers to the support of the church. As a help to the preparation of a sermon on this theme, this book will be full of suggestions.